

September 28, 2006

Mr. List,

In regards to the Cease and Desist Order in Berryessa Highlands, to say we were blind-sided would be an understatement. The week prior I in fact inquired at the Public Works Dept. if anything was pending or going on that might affect my upcoming projects. I was told no, nothing was pending and if there were, they would of course let us (me) know as we would have the usual ninety days heads up. Pending rate increases etc. To what extent the Public Works Dept. and Building Dept. were surprised by this extreme measure taken by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is yet to be revealed, but without any doubt we have truth of disclosure issues that must be dealt with and people held accountable for. We see the sequence of events that have transpired since 1995 and that of course has raised many questions.

I was encouraged after speaking to you Mr. List and to Mr. Childs that you would consider the predicament and hardship this connection ban would cause those of us that have building permits in the works. Let me assure you this ban will have no less than a devastating financial affect on my family and I. Those who have invested much, have much to loose.

My permit for one of my projects arrived from the Third Party Plan Checker (The Phillips Group) the day before your notice, stamped and approved ready to go. Needing a couple signatures-that usually takes three to five working days to complete and might I note my water and sewer hookup fee had been paid March of last year! That house was to close escrow Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. These people, the Bacinets, were devastated. They have already packed half their house and were looking forward to building their dream home. Those dreams were shattered and now what will you do about it?

Every penny I have is tied up in six properties up here in the Highlands. Friends (the Jessens) and family have a total of \$445,000 tied up with interest payments accruing monthly. We have another project that our permit was approximately two weeks out and should be ready to go before the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. I would ask you to at the very least release those permits so we can recover a small portion of our investment. If we knew there was a remote chance something like this could happen let alone that it was pending we would have obviously not have invested our future as we did. As it stands, I could loose everything and then some.

As a way to resolve the immediate problem; why doesn't the County get some rental tanks and truck out the waste and process it at the Napa City Facility, they have put us in this predicament and should make every effort to resolve this situation. It's obvious the rate increases were too little too late. Why? Obviously the County should be applying for grants and sewer permit fees should be increased along with monthly rates.

Also why in the world has Steele Park Resort been able to still rent spaces that over tax the sewer system on weekends and how many of their trailers that were never

supposed to be year around residents contributing to our problem? And how much has Steele Park contributed monetarily to resolve it?

In total myself, family, and friends have over \$700,000 in properties and permits that is accruing interest daily. Our investment are frozen on account of us being misled and uninformed over the last ten years. A subdivision built for 600 homes and it can't handle half that many?

Our future is in your hands, the affects of this Cease and Desist Order are more far reaching than you can imagine.

Devastated,

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